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Subject: Comments on Additional Morse Code-Related Petitions

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To whom it may concern,

Petition from Frank Napurano, K20KA, designated RM-10806

I disagree with Frank, the 5 WPM or any CW has nothing to do with Public safety, no public safety that I know of requires CW as a means of doing business. We do radio because it is a hobby not a job. Again I don't know of any public safety department within the world that requires Morse.

If you must keep Element (1), as a prized and respected avocation, then bump it up to the extra class operators this will truly be fitting for the extra class.

If you must keep Element (1), then fix it so that only those operators wishing to use CW take the element (1) test.

If the above recommendations fail then give Technicians 30 MHz and below phone privileges.

To require good radio operators to demonstrate their proficiency in code before moving on is really an albatross around their necks. Amateur Radio needs a positive regulatory boost not hold on to something solely as a prized and respected avocation. We used to use high voltage, high current boat anchors for radios but they have sense died by the wayside and all for technical reasons.

Thanks for your consideration,

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